

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 19th June,  
2012  
7.00 pm

Committee Room Two  
Town Hall  
Redditch



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# Welcome to today's meeting.

## Guidance for the Public

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### **Agenda Papers**

The **Agenda List** at the front of the Agenda summarises the issues to be discussed and is followed by the Officers' full supporting **Reports**.

### **Chair**

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- Where the item relates or is likely to affect your **registered interests** (what you have declared on the formal Register of Interests)

**OR**

- Where a decision in relation to the item might reasonably be regarded as affecting **your own** well-being or financial position, or that of your **family**, or your **close associates** more than most other people affected by the issue,

you have a personal interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare the existence, and nature, of your interest and stay**

- The declaration must relate to specific business being decided - a general scattergun approach is not needed
- **Exception** - where interest arises only because of your membership of another **public body**, there is no need to declare unless you **speak** on the matter.
- You **can vote** on the matter.

IS IT A "PREJUDICIAL INTEREST" ?

In general only if:-

- It is a personal interest **and**
  - The item affects your **financial position** (or conveys other benefits), or the position of your **family, close associates** or bodies through which you have a **registered interest** (or relates to the exercise of **regulatory functions** in relation to these groups)
- and**
- A member of public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably believe the interest was likely to **prejudice** your judgement of the public interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare and Withdraw**

BUT you may make representations to the meeting before withdrawing, **if** the public have similar rights (such as the right to speak at Planning Committee).



# Overview and Scrutiny

## Committee

Tuesday, 19th June, 2012

7.00 pm

Committee Room 2 Town Hall

### Agenda

#### Membership:

Cllrs:                      Juliet Brunner                      Andrew Fry  
   (Chair)                                      Pattie Hill  
   Simon Chalk (Vice-                      Gay Hopkins  
   Chair)                                      Pat Witherspoon  
   Andrew Brazier  
   David Bush  
   John Fisher

<b>1. Apologies and named substitutes</b>	To receive apologies for absence and details of any Councillor (or co-optee substitute) nominated to attend this meeting in place of a member of this Committee.
<b>2. Declarations of interest and of Party Whip</b>	To invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in items on the Agenda and any Party Whip.
<b>3. Minutes</b>	To confirm the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a correct record.  (Minutes to follow)
<b>4. Work Experience Opportunities Task and Finish Group - Monitoring Update Report</b>  (Pages 1 - 4)	To receive a monitoring update report regarding the implementation of recommendations proposed by the Work Experience Opportunities Task and Finish Group in 2011.  (Report attached).  <b>(No Specific Ward Relevance);</b>
<b>5. Medium Term Financial Plan - Pre-Scrutiny</b>  J Pickering - Exec Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)	To consider a report on the Medium Term Financial Plan for pre-scrutiny  (Report to follow)  <b>(No Specific Ward Relevance);</b>

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<p><b>6. Financial Borrowing Report</b> (Pages 5 - 8) T Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources</p>	<p>To consider a report on the Council's financial borrowing position.  (Report attached)  <b>(No Specific Ward Relevance);</b></p>
<p><b>7. Actions List</b> (Pages 9 - 10)</p>	<p>To note the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Actions List.  (Actions list attached)</p>
<p><b>8. Executive Committee Minutes and Scrutiny of the Forward Plan</b> (Pages 11 - 14)</p>	<p>To consider the minutes of the latest meeting(s) of the Executive Committee and also to consider whether any items on the Forward Plan are suitable for scrutiny.  (Minutes attached).</p>
<p><b>9. Task &amp; Finish Reviews - Draft Scoping Documents</b></p>	<p>To consider any scoping documents provided for possible Overview and Scrutiny review.  (No reports attached)</p>
<p><b>10. Task and Finish Groups - Progress Reports</b></p>	<p>To consider progress to date on the current reviews against the terms set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.  The current reviews in progress are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Facilities for Disabled People – Chair, Councillor Andy Fry; and</li><li>b) Redditch Market – Chair, Councillor Andrew Brazier</li></ul> <p>(Oral reports)</p>
<p><b>11. Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> Councillor Pat Witherspoon</p>	<p>To receive a verbal update on the recent work of the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.  (Verbal report)</p>

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## 12. Referrals

To consider any referrals to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee direct, or arising from:

- The Executive Committee or full Council
- Other sources.

(No separate report).

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## 13. Work Programme

(Pages 15 - 20)

To consider the Committee's current Work Programme, and potential items for addition to the list arising from:

- The Forward Plan / Committee agendas
- External publications
- Other sources.

(Report attached)

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## 14. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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- Para 1 – any individual;
- Para 2 – the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 – financial or business affairs;
- Para 4 – labour relations matters;
- Para 5 – legal professional privilege;
- Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;
- Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime;

and may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.

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**Redditch Borough Council****Overview and Scrutiny Committee****Tuesday 19th June 2012****Work Experience Opportunities Task and Finish Review – Monitoring Report****Background**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Work Experience Opportunities Review on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Final recommendations were endorsed by the Executive Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 as set out in section 2 of this report. This report sets out 12 months progress against each of those recommendations in section 2 of the report.

Until April 2011, the Government funded Education Business Partnerships to support work experience placements for school pupils at Key Stage 4 (KS4). However, in April 2011 that funding ceased. Worcestershire Education Business Partnership (EBP) was managed through Worcestershire County Council but since Government funding ceased, has established itself as an independent Company Limited by Guarantee. This involved reducing its staffing from 6 to 2 full time staff and 1 part time staff, and focussing on arranging work experience placements – i.e. the service no longer provides wider curriculum and teacher training support for schools. Worcestershire EBP currently charges £18 per placement which compares very favourably with EBP's in other parts of the country.

When Worcestershire EBP was considering continuing as an independent Company, participating schools expressed an overwhelming desire to continue using EBP's services, and since EBP has become independent, EBP are only aware of one school in the County that has chosen to 'opt out'. In addition, EBP now provides services to the independent sector in the County. EBP continues to maintain a comprehensive database of companies offering work experience placements in Worcestershire, categorised by type of opportunity available and works with schools to match pupil needs to placements – seeking new employer placements when required to meet pupil needs.

Despite the loss of Government funding, there remains a statutory requirement for schools to provide an equivalent of 10 days 'work related learning' for all KS4 pupils (although this may well be removed if the Woolf recommendations are implemented). However, this need not involve work placement, schools could provide this as part of the curriculum. There is also a proposal in the Wolf Report to increase the age at which pupils undertake work related learning to between 16 and 18, in line with raising the raising of the participation age to 18. It seems likely that the Government will accept this recommendation despite the reservations of those working in the

field, who see work experience at 14/15 as fundamental in preparing young people for the world of work, and helping inform their academic choices

**Recommendations – monitoring response**

**1) Support be given to the current work experience scheme, which provides work experience opportunities for 14 and 15 year olds at Key Stage 4 at school, being continued locally**

Worcestershire EBP has continued as an independent Company supporting work experience placements for KS4 pupils in the Borough, with all relevant schools participating in work experience programmes (although St. Augustine's is not working with EBP, it is understood that the school is still undertaking work experience). Participating schools express a high degree of satisfaction with this service and there is no indication that further schools will 'opt out' in the future. The Borough Council have also contributed £100 per annum to each of the four schools, to be awarded to students on work experience who have gained most from the experience – this is administered by the schools but Members have been involved in presentation events. However, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the recommendation in the Wolf Report that the age for work related learning is raised to 18.

**2) The work of the Worcestershire Education Business Partnership be supported**

As an independent, not for profit Company, Worcestershire EBP has a sustainable Business Plan that does not rely upon subsidy over and above income received from schools for work placements. However, both Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership are developing skill strategies that recognise the need for measures to improve the employability of young people, of which suitable work experience is an important element. The North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration Team will work with those LEP's to ensure that work experience is integrated into wider employment support packages for young people in the North of the County.

**3) Those local employers that already participate in providing work experience opportunities be thanked for their efforts and others be encouraged to deliver presentations for their own benefit as well as the students, and to strengthen the existing links between schools and local industries, with officers pursuing these aims through the North Worcestershire Economic Development Unit and the Local Strategic Partnership**

Worcestershire EBP continues to work with local employers to develop suitable work experience opportunities. This tends to be driven by the needs and aspirations of the pupils – there is a danger that if employers are encouraged to offer placements when there is insufficient demand for those placements, this may de-motivate employers. However, North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration Team are working with employers in the Borough through the Redditch Business Board to match skill needs of local businesses with both curriculum development in schools and colleges and employability skills (including through work placement). This has involved undertaking a sample pilot skills survey amongst employers, and work to develop a locally based training and apprenticeships scheme in collaboration with local employers and colleges.

**4) There should be a clearly identifiable point of contact at Redditch Borough Council for schools to arrange work experience placements at the Council**

Juliana Morgan (Human Resources) acts as the point of contact for schools within the Council for work experience programmes.

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## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

19<sup>TH</sup> June 2012

### **COUNCIL'S CURRENT BORROWING POSITION**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mould
Portfolio Holder Consulted	
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance & Resources
Wards Affected	All

#### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 The report sets out for Members the Council's current position regarding borrowing.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That subject to any comments, the report be noted.**

#### **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1. The Council currently has borrowing totalling £131,129,000. This comprises £98,929,000 long term borrowing from the Public Works Loans Board, £5,000,000 long term borrowing from Barclays Capital and £27,200,000 by way of short-term borrowing from other local authorities. The details of these loans are set out at Appendix 1.
- 3.2. The £98,929,000 long term borrowing was undertaken as part of the implementation of Self-financing for the Housing Revenues Account. The other borrowing has primarily been undertaken to fund both the Housing and the General Fund Capital Programme. From time to time there will also be a need to borrow for cash flow purposes.
- 3.3. At the close of the 2011/12 financial year the capital expenditure financed from borrowing stood at £37,228,618.89, comprising £23,228,521.27 in respect of the Housing Capital Programme and £13,980,097.62 in respect of the General Fund. These amounts relates to Capital Programmes covering the period 2006/07 to 2011/12 for Housing and 2007/08 to 2011/12 for the General Fund.
- 3.4. The above figures exclude an amount of £15,000,000 internal lending between the General Fund (from) and the Housing Revenue Account (to). This has been utilised by the Housing Revenue Account to fund capital expenditure/Self-financing. The General Fund in turn is paid interest on this amount.

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### Financial Implications

- 3.5. There is an ongoing requirement to set aside monies within the General Fund to repay the borrowing, and on both the Housing Revenue Account and General Fund to pay the interest on the sums borrowed.

### 3.6. Legal Implications

- 3.7. There are no legal implications. The Council is able to borrow to fund capital expenditure and for cash flow purposes.

### Service / Operational Implications

- 3.8 Without the ongoing investment via the capital programme there may be service/operational issues arising. For example, if vehicles were not replaced in a timely manner.

### Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.9. None directly.

## 4. RISK MANAGEMENT

There is risk in terms of future budgets if interest rates suddenly increase due to the level of short-term borrowing. The level of borrowing also reduced the flexibility to make adjustments within future budgets.

## 5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Current borrowing position as at 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

## 6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers with this report.

## 7. AUTHOR OF REPORT

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**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**19<sup>TH</sup> June 2012**Current borrowing position as at 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

<b>Lender</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Interest rate</b>	<b>Date Borrowed</b>	<b>Repayment Date</b>
BARCLAYS CAPITAL	5,000,000	4.71%	01/05/2007	03/05/2032
PWLB- 15years	15,000,000	3.01%	28/03/2012	28/03/2027
PWLB- 20years	25,000,000	3.30%	28/03/2012	28/03/2032
PWLB- 25years	40,000,000	3.44%	28/03/2012	28/03/2037
PWLB- 30years	18,929,000	3.50%	28/03/2012	28/03/2042
WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY	2,000,000	0.28%	21/05/2012	15/06/2012
LB OF EALING	2,000,000	0.50%	19/03/2012	19/06/2012
SURREY HEATH BC	600,000	0.42%	22/02/2012	19/06/2012
GWENT POLICE AUTHORITY	2,000,000	0.42%	21/02/2012	19/06/2012
DERBYSHIRE SUPERANNUATION	1,000,000	0.50%	20/03/2012	20/06/2012
CAERPHILLY BOROUGH COUNCIL	1,500,000	0.42%	30/12/2011	28/06/2012
DERBYSHIRE SUPERANNUATION	1,000,000	0.50%	27/02/2012	27/07/2012
ABERDEENSHIRE	2,000,000	0.50%	01/03/2012	01/08/2012
SOUTH YORKSHIRE JS	3,000,000	0.50%	01/03/2012	01/08/2012
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE	3,000,000	0.45%	15/02/2012	15/08/2012
WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL	2,600,000	0.65%	13/03/2012	13/09/2012
TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL	1,000,000	0.60%	13/03/2012	13/09/2012
SOLIHULL MET DISTRICT	1,000,000	0.65%	19/03/2012	19/09/2012
DERBYSHIRE SUPERANNUATION	1,500,000	0.60%	20/03/2012	20/09/2012
SOUTH YORKSHIRE JS	3,000,000	0.85%	16/03/2012	15/03/2013
	<b>131,129,000</b>			

**Summary**

Short-term (Other Local Authorities):	27,200,000
PWLB	98,929,000
Other long-term	5,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>131,129,000</b>





**Actions requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Date Action Requested</b>	<b>Action to be Taken</b>	<b>Response</b>
24th January 2012  <b>1</b>	Officers to report back to the Committee at a later date on the outcomes of transformation and the implications for the recommendations detailed in the final report of the External Refurbishment of Housing Stock Short Sharp Review.	Officers to schedule a date for this update to be presented for the consideration of the Committee.  TO BE DONE
31st May 2012  <b>2</b>	The Committee to write to Worcestershire County Council outlining Redditch Members' satisfaction with the customer services in Redditch, the beneficial impact of transformation on customer services in Redditch and the potential for the wider hub to learn from best practice in Redditch.	Officers to draft a letter on behalf of the Committee to the Chair of the Worcestershire Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board  TO BE DONE
31st May 2012  <b>3</b>	The Committee agreed to invite Officers to deliver a monitoring update report to the Committee outlining the impact of recommendations made by a Scrutiny Group that reviewed ASB (completed in 2006);	Officers to arrange to deliver a monitoring update report on the impact of the ASB review recommendations during the year  TO BE DONE
31st May 2012  <b>4</b>	The Committee agreed to invite presentation on the outcomes of the recent campaign relating to dog fouling with a view to identifying whether additional scrutiny work into this issue might be required;	Officers to arrange to deliver a presentation on the subject of the dog fouling campaign and the impact that this campaign has had locally.  TO BE DONE
31st May 2012  <b>5</b>	Members requested that the annual update report on civil parking enforcement that is received by the Committee should be brought forward for Members'	Officers to arrange to deliver a report on parking enforcement at a forthcoming date of the Committee and to amend the Work Programme accordingly;

	consideration at an early date and should include information about work that could be undertaken to help residents living in areas outside the enforcement zone;	TO BE DONE
31st May 2012 <b>6</b>	Members requested a briefing at a forthcoming meeting of the Committee on the subject of taxi vehicles' road worthiness with a view to identifying whether aspects of this subject would be a suitable topic for a scrutiny review;	Officers to arrange to deliver a presentation on the subject of taxi vehicles' road worthiness and potential requirements for further work which could be facilitated by scrutiny  TO BE DONE
31st May 2012 <b>7</b>	Officers to be invited to deliver a presentation on proposed plans for advertising on the roundabouts located in Redditch and any further proposed uses, with a view to identifying whether this would be a suitable topic for a scrutiny review;	Officers to arrange to deliver a presentation on the proposed uses for roundabouts in Redditch  TO BE DONE
31st May 2012 <b>8</b>	Officers to be invited to deliver a presentation on the subject of the current policy for sales of vehicles on grass verges.	Officers to arrange to deliver a presentation on the subject of the sale of vehicles on grass verges  TO BE DONE
31st May 2012 <b>9</b>	Officers advised that updates on a number of actions had been circulated to all Members by email	Members requested that Officers re-circulate emails detailing completed actions listed in the Actions List.  DONE (email sent to Members on 1st June 2012)
31st May 2012 <b>10</b>	Officers confirmed that every Portfolio Holder had confirmed the date when s/he would be available to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deliver his/her annual report.	Officers to circulate the list of agreed dates amongst members of the Committee.  DONE (email sent to Members on 1st June 2012)



## Executive Committee

29th May 2012

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Councillor Bill Hartnett (Chair), Councillor Greg Chance (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Rebecca Blake, Michael Braley, Carole Gandy, Phil Mould, Mark Shurmer and Debbie Taylor

#### Also Present:

Councillors Andrew Brazier and Derek Taylor

#### Officers:

R Bamford, K Dicks, C Flanagan, S Hanley and A Heighway

#### Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

#### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Luke Stephens.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader advised that the following items of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this meeting, had been rescheduled to later meetings of the Committee:

- Concessionary Rents Policy; and
- Polling Stations – Review.

He also advised that the final report of the Promoting Sporting Participation Task and Finish Group would be dealt with at a alter meeting of the Executive Committee in the light of the rescheduling of the most recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Chair

The Leader commented on the success of the Halfords Tour Series Bike Race the previous week. Other Members joined in expressing their enthusiasm for the event and it was suggested that any comments or suggestions for future events be fed back to Officers and/or the Town Centre Partnership.

The Leader also commented on the EDL March the previous weekend, noting that it had caused minimal disruption and that he had written to the Chief Constable of the West Mercia Constabulary to thank him and his officers for their assistance in managing the event. Members expressed their pride at the response of local people to the event and proposed that the Council follow through with the success of the counter-demonstration and support by helping in the organization of a community event.

**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 24th April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

**5. IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT SCHEME TO GATE AN ALLEYWAY BETWEEN CRABBS CROSS LANE AND ST PETERS CLOSE, CRABBS CROSS**

The Committee received a report asking it to consider the implementation of a Gating Order made by Worcestershire County Council under s.2 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The Gating Order was in respect of a pathway running between Crabbs Cross Lane and St. Peters Close, Crabbs Cross.

It was noted that a number of alternative solutions had been tried over the years to alleviate this long-standing problem, none of which had proved successful. The five year pilot scheme Gating Order had been developed in consultation with local residents, and the local Ward Members, who were present at the meeting, confirmed that reaction to the move was positive. There was concern expressed at the length of time it had taken for this matter to have been satisfactorily dealt with. The impact of intervening changes in legislative arrangements should measures remain in preparation for an extended period, such as on this occasion, was also commented upon. Officers noted that there were wider lessons to be learned from this issue with regard to the decision-making process and responding to public concerns.

**RESOLVED that**

**the implementation of the Gating Order for the Crabbs Cross Lane pilot scheme be approved, which would have the effect of allowing gates/barriers to be erected between Crabbs Cross Lane and St Peters Close at the location identified on the map attached to the report at Appendix 1.**

**6. REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON DRAFT CORE STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report setting out the response from Officers to the Stratford-on-Avon Draft Core Strategy for endorsement. Members were informed that it had not been possible for the response to be agreed through the normal decision-making process in time to meet the consultation deadline. The response had been discussed at the Planning Advisory Panel, however.

Members were particularly interested in the possibility of development along the A435 corridor and on the land between Studley and Redditch, noting variously the potential benefits to Studley of industrial use on part of that land and the problems with access from the A435 in the Mappleborough Green area. Officers explained that they regarded the area generally as providing pockets of opportunity for development.

**RECOMMENDED that**

**the Officer response (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) to the Stratford-on-Avon Draft Core Strategy, as submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SoADC) on 29th March 2012 (in line with consultation period dates), be endorsed.**

**7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Members received the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17th April 2012 be received and noted.**

**8. SHARED SERVICES BOARD**

The Committee received the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Shared Services Board.

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Shared Services Board held on 19th April 2012 be received and noted.**

**9. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS ETC.**

There were no minutes or referrals to consider under this item.

**10. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

Members considered the latest version of the report on the Council's Advisory Panels and similar bodies. It was noted that there were meetings of the Grants Panel arranged for 6th June 2012 and the Planning Advisory Panel on 30th May 2012.

**11. ACTION MONITORING**

Members considered and noted the most recent version of the Committee's Action Monitoring report.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 7.32 pm

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No Direct Ward Relevance

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### WORK PROGRAMME

(Report of the Chief Executive)

Date of Meeting	Subject Matter	Officer(s) Responsible for report
<b>ALL MEETINGS</b>	<b>REGULAR ITEMS</b>	<b>(CHIEF EXECUTIVE)</b>
	Minutes of previous meeting Consideration of the Forward Plan Consideration of Executive Committee key decisions Call-ins (if any) Pre-scrutiny (if any) Consideration of Overview and Scrutiny Actions List Referrals from Council or Executive Committee, etc. (if any) Task Groups / Short, Sharp Review Groups - feedback Committee Work Programme	Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive
	<b>REGULAR ITEMS</b> Quarterly Performance Report Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report Annual Update on the Implementation of the Civil Parking Enforcement Scheme	Chief Executive Chief Executive Relevant Lead Heads of Service

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	<p><b>REGULAR ITEMS</b></p> <p>Update on fly tipping and progress with the Worth It campaign</p> <p>Update on the work of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>Updates on the work of the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Petitions (as and when received)</p> <p>Bi-Annual Recommendation Tracker Reports – Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Bi-Annual Monitoring Report – Redditch Sustainable Community Strategy</p>	<p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p> <p>Chair of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Redditch Borough Council representative on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p> <p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p> <p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p>
<b>OTHER ITEMS - DATE FIXED</b>		
<b>19th June 2012</b>	Financial Borrowing Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>19th June 2012</b>	Revised Medium Term Financial Plan – Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>19th June 2012</b>	Work Experience Task Group – Monitoring Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>17th July 2012</b>	Concessionary Rents – Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Relevant Lead Head of Service



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<b>17th July 2012</b>	Quarterly Performance Report – Quarter Four – January – March 2012	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>17th July 2012</b>	Quarterly Budget Report – Quarter Four – January – March 2012	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>17th July 2012</b>	Redditch Sustainable Community Strategy – Monitoring Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>14th August 2012</b>	Update Report – Promoting Redditch Task and Finish Group	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>14th August 2012</b>	Access for Disabled People Task Group – Final Report	Councillor Mason
<b>14th August 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Written Report – Corporate Management Portfolio	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>14th August 2012</b>	Youth Employed by Redditch Borough Council – Update Report	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
<b>11th Sept 2012</b>	Increasing Rates of Recycling – Monitoring Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>11th Sept 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Corporate Management	Councillor Mould
<b>11th Sept 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Written Report – Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development and Transport	Relevant Lead Heads of Service

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<b>11th Sept 2012</b>	Transportation for young people – Dial a Ride – Feasibility Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>25th Sept 2012</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Training	
<b>9th Oct 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development and Transport Portfolio	Councillor Chance
<b>9th Oct 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Written Report – Local Environment and Health	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
<b>6th Nov 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Local Environment and Health	Councillor Debbie Taylor
<b>6th Nov 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Written Report – Community Safety and Regulatory Services	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
<b>11th Dec 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Community Safety and Regulatory Services	Councillor Blake
<b>11th Dec 2012</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Written Report – Leisure and Tourism	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
<b>8th Jan 2013</b>	Market Scrutiny Task Group – Final Report	Councillor Brazier
<b>8th Jan 2013</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker – Mid-Year Report	Relevant Lead Heads of Service

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<b>8th Jan 2013</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Leisure and Tourism	Councillor Stephens
<b>8th Jan 2013</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Written Report – Housing	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
<b>5th Feb 2013</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Housing	Councillor Shurmer
<b>5th Feb 2013</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Written Report – Community Leadership and Partnership	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
<b>5th March 2013</b>	Portfolio Holder Annual Report – Community Leadership and Partnership	Councillor Hartnett
<b>2nd April 2013</b>	Youth Services Provision Task Group – Monitoring Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>May 2013</b>	Promoting Sporting Participation – Monitoring Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
<b>OTHER ITEMS – DATE NOT FIXED</b>		
	Anti-Social Behaviour Scrutiny Review – Monitoring Update Report	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Arts Centre - Submission of a Scoping Document	Councillor Hopkins

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	Dog Fouling Campaign - Presentation	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Equalities and Diversity – Submission of a Scoping Document	Councillor Fry
	Housing Allocations Policy Review – Pre-Scrutiny	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Redditch Roundabouts - Briefing	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Regeneration in the Town - Submission of a Scoping Document	Councillor Bush
	Taxi Vehicles Road Worthiness - Briefing	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Tree Maintenance – Submission of a Scoping Document	Councillor Fisher
	Vehicle Sales on Grass Verges - Briefing	Relevant Lead Head of Service